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Petitioning Needs

This year promises to be exciting, with a Presidential race that raises many fundamental issues on the national scene. We must make certain to give Connecticut voters the opportunity to vote for Libertarian candidates. There is no better outreach opportunity than an active campaign for a visible office.

We need to gather about 12,000 signatures on petitions for the Presidential and Senate races across the state. This is not a large number if enough people participate. It is proportionally less than a number of other states that are successful with their petitioning efforts.

A whole structure has been proposed that would require about forty volunteers, donating roughly two hours a week for three months. Positions include district coordinators, signature-takers, and a statewide coordinator. Please send an e-mail now to chairman@lpct.org, or call 1-888-296-2888 and leave a message.

Call for Delegates to National Convention

The Libertarian Party National Convention will be held this year in Atlanta from May 27–May 31. If you are interested in attending as a delegate, please let a State Central Committee member know at the State Convention on April 24th. If you will not be attending the State Convention, or received this notice too late, please contact secretary@lpct.org.

Please note the Libertarian Party of Connecticut's new post office box:

Libertarian Party of Connecticut
PO Box 2501
Middletown, CT 06457-2501

Libertarian Views Come to Sacred Heart University

On April 1st Sacred Heart University sponsored a forum that included a speaker from the Republicans, Democrats, Libertarian, and Green Parties. The most enthusiastic applause of the session was directed at the Libertarian presentation.

Representing the Libertarian Party as a last-minute stand-in for Fifth Congressional District candidate Walter Gengarely was Lenny Rasch, Libertarian Party of Connecticut Chairman. The two major parties sent State Senators, and

the Green Party was represented by their 3rd District Congressional candidate.

The students responded enthusiastically to a presentation that summarized Libertarian solutions to poverty and pollution. They were especially engaged by the revelation that their futures have been mortgaged through the National Debt. Rousing applause followed the speech and the question and answer period. The meeting was attended by roughly forty people, which included students, faculty, and administration.

Ballot Access Brief

SB 123 – Bill to permit statewide ballot access if party polls 2% in Governor's race or registers 2%. Reported favorably out of Senate committee. Pending Senate vote.

SB 127 – Bill to retain ballot access after redistricting. Passed by Senate. Pending House assignment to committee or vote.

SB 388 – Bill to require that all Connecticut voting computers include a paper trail, verifiable by the voter.

Reported favorably out of committee, pending Senate vote.

All of these bills are having some degree of success due to our joint efforts with other political organizations, a concept originally championed by Linda Rasch and Rich Connelly. Efforts will continue to work with other groups on common goals as we move toward the 2004 elections.

MEETINGS

State Central Committee Meeting – Saturday, April 24, 2004 – 2:00 p.m.

The monthly Libertarian Party of Connecticut State Central Committee meeting will be held at The Colony, 1157 Chapel Street, New Haven on Saturday, April 24th at 2:00 p.m. The meeting is open to members and to the public.

Agenda:

(All reports will be very brief.)

Minutes - Secretary
Treasurer's Report
Chairman's Report
Political Director's Report
Membership Report
Communications Report

Convention Report

Petitioning Report

Old Business:

Tabled until next meeting

New Business:

Selection of Officers

Post-Convention Delegate Approval

Dear Libertarian:

Consider these four quotes:

“We are engaged in a “war against the individual.”

–Sen. Ted Kennedy

“We must abolish the cult of the individual decisively, once and for all.” –Nikita Khrushchev

“We must stop thinking of the individual...” –Hillary Clinton

“The main plank of the National Socialist program is to abolish the liberalistic concept of the individual...”

–Adolph Hitler

As to the Republican opinion of this, just consider the Patriot Act and the “volunteer service” proposed. Voluntary, like taxes.

If you have any doubt about the seriousness of the political crisis we face, and the threat to our future and that of our children, these quotes alone should be

sufficient to convince you. Every election, every opportunity to state the case for Liberty and against statism, is important.

This election we must attain ballot access for the Presidential race. We are also seeking to run in all five Congressional districts, creating a synergy that will gain attention from the media and more votes from the public.

Our kickoff to this campaign will be the LP Convention on April 24th, 2004. The theme is “Campaigning for Liberty”. That is exactly what we will be doing in the coming months.

Please make every effort to attend this Convention, and to support your Libertarian Party of Connecticut both then, and after. Details may be found at <http://www.lpct.org/2004Convention/Convention.html>.

In Liberty,
Lenny Rasch
State Chairman

The Libertarian Party of Connecticut presents

Campaign for Liberty

Libertarian Party of Connecticut 2004 State Convention

Saturday, April 24th, 2004 • 2:00 to 8:00 p.m.

(Business Meeting at 2:00 p.m. – see lpct.org for agenda)

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